



Total Hip Arthroplasty (Posterior Approach) Dr. Erickson

Time Frame	Treatment	Goals
Post-Op Day	 Instruction in signs and symptoms of infection Instruction in cryotherapy Precautions: No hip flexion beyond 90 degrees, no combined hip flexion and internal rotation, no forced adduction. Instruction in HEP including quad sets, glute sets, hamstring sets, hook-lying passive hip flexion (avoid going beyond 90 degrees of flexion), supine active hip ABD, and standing hip ABD. 	 Independent in HEP Independent in cryotherapy Independent with use of AD
Phase I (1-4 weeks)	 Frequency: NO in clinic PT, HEP from post-op day only Dressing changes as specified by therapist and MD, expect the bandage to be removed 14 days post operation. Promote edema control and cryotherapy Slow progression of activity at home 	 Progression of functional activities as tolerated Progression on assistive devices depending on quad function and nonantalgic gait. Walker to SEC to no AD
Phase II (4-8 weeks)	 Frequency: PRN – based on MD recommendations after 4-week follow up Scar tissue mobilization at 4 weeks post-op depending on healing rate of incision 	 Non-antalgic gait ascending/descending stairs No assistive device Independent in ROM and functional LE strengthening exercises